



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Forest improvement thinning on 458 acres of approximately 7,935 mbf of State Timber, Norwegian Wood FIT Sorts Timber Sale, Application No. 30-082492 and Forest Practice Application No. 2704308 and No. 2704531

Description of mitigation: This timber harvest will remove dead and dying lodgepole pine, grand fir, Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine fir to reduce the threat of a catastrophic wildfire and allow for establishment of new regeneration. Water bars and/or drain dips will be installed on roads and steeper skid trails as appropriate. Blocked off roads will be slashed and cut banks will be grass seeded with certified weed free seed. The unit boundaries are a minimum of 100' either side of Type F streams and 50' from either side of Type Np streams up to the point where it leaves DNR ownership or harvest boundaries. A minimum 30' Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ) has been established on either side of the Type Ns streams. WRTs & GRTs will be left scattered throughout the units. Some areas of the original proposal were deleted from the harvest and will be left in their current state to maintain habitat diversity in the area. A commercial uneven-aged management harvest is proposed for all units; leave trees will be irregularly spaced depending upon availability with a minimum of 22 trees per acre (TPA) > 10" dbh post harvest in non-habitat. On habitat acres adequate number of trees will be left to reach required canopy closure and other dispersal habitat requirements.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 12 East, and parts of Sections 4, 6 and 8, Township 11 North, Range 13 East, W. M., Yakima County, approximately 42 miles west of Yakima WA located off of the North Fork Ahtanum county road and A-2000 road.

Lead agency: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 19, 2010. Comments must be submitted by February 02, 2010

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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